

Shang on MESD

'It's gone to pot, but not hopeless'

By Mike Myers

Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — It's falling apart, placing thousands of homes and businesses in danger of flooding.

Its history of mismanagement

and corruption has become legendary.

The Metro East Sanitary District has "massive problems," according to Shang Greathouse, its president, and the failure to pass the tax increase referendum Nov. 8 "should by rights

kill the district."

The government's offer of \$23,250,000 in federal funds if the district would come up with \$5,750,000 (plus \$1,200,000 in rights-of-way and \$800,000 from the state) was a one-time thing.

Is a better offer likely?

"I don't think so. Really, I think it's amateur if it goes as far as it does," Ron Lindsay, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study manager for the Metro East project. "Spending money to replace and replace things that have gone to pot is a waste of deferred maintenance. It is something that has never been done before that I know of."

"The Corps of Engineers calls it 'deferred maintenance,'" Greathouse said. "I call it 'letting it go to hell'."

Lindsay said the \$23 million hasn't been lost yet.

"I haven't talked with Mr. Greathouse yet, but I've heard rumors about a referendum in the spring or that he might try to borrow the money."

"We'll keep the federal funds until we know one way or another."

If we feel he is trying to do something, we'll hold onto the funds. If it looks hopeless, we'll free them for someone else to use."

Greathouse is setting up a meeting with the Corps of Engineers, the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and others to come up with a plan. But he said the idea is that the government stepping in and saving the district is a pipe dream.

"If I thought it were true I would quit tomorrow," Greathouse said. "I thought the Feds, the state or some other entity was willing to take this over. I'd quit immediately."

"But there is nobody out there strong enough to do it. I've worked hard to fall off here for 10 years and I wish to God I'd never heard of it."

When the federal money was first offered, levee districts across the country started calling Greathouse to ask about his miracle.

"They couldn't get a dime. I'll

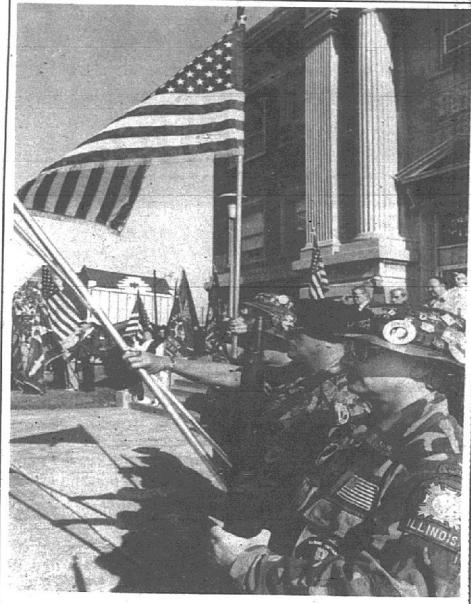
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GARBAGE and slime are filling up a drainage ditch in Washington Park to the dismay of Walter "Shang" Greathouse, president, Metro East Sanitary District. (Staff photo by Mike Myers)



•Shang' Greathouse



(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)
HONORING VETERANS: Members of the POW-MIA Vigil Team post the colors as the national anthem is played at the opening of Veterans Day ceremonies on the Granite City Hall lawn Friday. Representatives of veterans' organizations and auxiliaries from the area participated in the annual program, originally commemorating the end of World War I.

Pontoon annexes 57 planned homes

By Valerie Evenden

Staff writer

PONTOON BEACH — Three annexation petitions, including a 20-acre, 57-home tract for the proposed all-brick Hogan Estates subdivision, have been annexed by the Village Board.

Also approved last Wednesday night was an engineering plat containing provisions for the development of 14 homes in the first stage.

The newly annexed area lies north of Arlington Heights Subdivision with access from the north end of Shirwin Drive.

The two other parcels of land annexed, totaling 2 1/2 acres, are located off of Shirwin 162 on the west side of Mockingbird Lane.

Requesting annexation of the 20 acres was Donna F. Hogan, owner and developer of the property, who described the plans for Hogan Estates.

The area, zoned for single-family dwellings, will be divided

into building lots of varied size. None will contain less than 6,000 square feet and most lots will have dimensions of about 9,000 square feet, village officials were told.

Concrete streets with rolled curbs will be constructed in the subdivision, with three cul-de-sacs proposed. All streets will be 20 feet wide on both sides and street lighting is proposed, the developer said.

Construction of the first homes will start upon completion of surveying and engineering work on the lots, Hogan said.

The area is within the Granite City School District.

"Interest in the project has been really great and I expect all the lots will be sold no later than the end of spring," Hogan said.

Water will be provided to the new area by the Arlington Heights Public Water District. Each home will have an individual sewage treatment system.

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Old Newsboys edition will feature favorites

This year's Old Newsboys edition of the *Suburban Journal* features a couple of hundred of your favorite people.

The 1988 Old Newsboys edition was written largely at the direction of *Suburban Journal* readers.

In August, you filled out ballots voting for your favorite teacher, bartender, Cardinals baseball player, plumber, television newscaster and others.

We spent a good part of September counting those ballots, and then we went to the field to find your favorites and write about them.

The results are in the Old

Newsboys edition, which you can purchase Nov. 17 and, in so doing, help area children's charities.

The favorites were voted by zone, so that all parts of the metropolitan area could determine their winners. Favorites were chosen in seven zones: Illinois, St. Charles County, Jefferson County, the City of St. Louis and north, west and south St. Louis County.

Who is the favorite radio broadcaster in west county, or the favorite teacher in St. Charles? How about the favorite high school coach in Illinois?

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Hospitality Plus

A COLORFUL TABLOID filled with prize-winning recipes for holiday dining and entertaining will appear in Wednesday's edition of the *Granite City Journal*. Appetizers, main dishes and desserts submitted to the newspaper's Holiday Recipe Contest are featured.



DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY Tamburitzans will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at Granite City High School. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Among the troupe members are (bottom row) Ellen Vance, Kaarin Van Ausdal and Susan Pogorzelski and (top row) Donald Tubbs; John Amisch of Madison and Martin Dorfner.



Thursday, Nov. 14, 1963

Enrollment studies disclosed by the Granite City School Board point to the construction of four new school buildings and the addition of 38 classrooms to six existing buildings.

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Staff photo by Parsons

NO BOLL WEEVILS HERE: Nora Tyus, 1202 Market St., Venice, stands next to several cotton plants growing in her front yard. The plants were in full bloom last week and many passing motorists took second glances at the rare sight. The New Albany, Miss., native said she used to pick cotton on her grandfather's farm as a young girl.

Gaffner: 5 is enough, throwing in the towel

COLLINSVILLE—After five unsuccessful congressional bids in the 13th District, Republican Bob Gaffner said early Wednesday morning he's throwing in the towel.

"At this point in time, I don't think there's any point to pursue it any further," Gaffner said of the race for a sixth run for Congress.

"I hope to stay active in the political arena, and I hope to have a role to play within the party as we move along."

Gaffner, 56, a former Green-

ville city alderman, said he

doesn't know what his political future holds.

"I'm not exactly sure where we're going from here," said a tired, gloomy-eyed Gaffner, who moments earlier had conceded the race to Democratic Rep. Jerry Costello.

"Maybe we'll be able to help on the county level; I'm not really sure."

Gaffner unsuccessfully challenged the late Rep. Mel Price for the 21st District seat in 1982, 1984 and 1986. Gaffner also opposed Costello in a special election Aug. 9.

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Thursday - Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomato, buttered vegetables, fruit cup.

Friday - Fish sandwich on bun, cheese, lettuce, buttered vegetables, fruit cup.

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Wednesday - Sloppy turkey and gravy, dressing, whipped potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce.

Thursday - Pork chops on bun, bun with lettuce and tomato, french fries, fruit cup.

Friday - Tuna salad sandwich, macaroni and cheese, slaw, apple crisp.

Venice Public Schools

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Thursday - Tacos, lettuce, cheese, corn, pudding.

Friday - Fish, macaroni and cheese, buttered vegetables, jello with fruit.

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sauce, garlic bread, salad, apple crisp.

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Head Start

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Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, mixed vegetables, garlic toast.

Wednesday - Meat loaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn.

Thursday - Chili with crackers, raw vegetables, oranges slices.

Menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday - Manager's choice

Tuesday - Pizza, mixed vegetables, chilled apple sauce.

Wednesday - Meat loaf, whipped potatoes and gravy, buttered vegetables, fruit cup.

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'Tree of Lights' kickoff dinner Tuesday

GRANITE CITY — The Salvation Army will officially open the annual "Tree of Lights" fund-raising campaign with a kickoff luncheon at noon Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Funds raised through the campaign finance the purchase of food, toys and clothing for needy area families and individuals, including senior residents, at Christmas time.

Last year, 1,077 families, composed of 3,395 persons, were aided by contributions donated to the drive by local residents and business firms. An additional 383 families were referred to other agencies for help.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Granite City, the kickoff gathering will be held at the Salvation Army Community Center, 3007 E. 23rd St.

Introduction of the 1988 "Tree of Lights" campaign chairman

Christmas basket applications start Monday

GRANITE CITY — Quad City area families and individuals wishing to apply for Christmas baskets and related items through the Salvation Army may do so in person starting Monday, Nov. 14, at the Salvation Army Community Center, 3007 E. 23rd St.

Applications will be accepted only from an eight-day period that will end Wednesday, Nov. 23, the final day to apply.

Hours when basket applications will be accepted are 9

a.m. until noon and then 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Those seeking assistance are required to go to the center in person, bringing with them adequate identification, said Max Rutter, office manager.

A current receipt and the most recent utility bill are required before an application will be completed for each family or individual.

Proof of income also must be shown at the time of application.

A current payroll check stub, or a Public Aid green card, if the family is served by that agency, will be accepted, Rutter said.

The person applying must know the income and age of each person in the household.

The holiday assistance program is financed through the local "Tree of Lights" campaign, which will be launched at Tuesday's kickoff luncheon at the Salvation Army Center.

person, payable at the door. Hartley said.

Reservations can be made by calling the Salvation Army at 451-7987 before noon Monday.

Groups planning DARE program

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — With proper funding, speedy organization and a little luck, District 9 may join other area school districts in implementing the DARE program.

DARE — Drug Abuse Resistance Education — originally started in Los Angeles 10 years ago and started in Illinois last year. The 17-week program is aimed at fifth- and sixth-grade students, and then before junior high school where most of them will have to deal with peer pressure surrounding drugs.

A panel of DARE organizers has recently addressed local politicians, police, school administrators, teachers, students and citizens.

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The community's primary involvement in the program is to furnish a local officer who will be trained to teach the DARE program to that community's students.

The training of the local officer is free as are the workbooks that the children use in the program, both provided by the community.

"The single-most cost to any

unit next fall," he said.

In another local community, Madison, at least one fraternal organization is already involved in the DARE effort.

Ricky Barnett, grand noble of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Tri-City Lodge 1031, would like to see the program in the Madison School District.

"It really is a great program," Barnett said. "I know

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Linda Lang

they have an officer in Madison who would go for the program but I don't know if they can speak him."

With 15 state police officers committed to the program, only nine of those are used as teachers. The remaining six train local officers.

The training program is a rigorous two-week course with days that last 10 to 12 hours. The training is preceded by oral interviews and a psychological evaluation.

"It doesn't just put anyone out there," Lang said.

Trooper Nelson Capatana began working with the DARE program in Springfield.

"It worked so good, I left the division last year and got to full-time with DARE," Capatana said. "I've never seen anything that works like this."

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Quad City

Local United Way gets \$2,800 from BAC drive

Despite frozen salaries and fewer employees, Belleville Area College has raised an all-time high \$13,283 for the United Way, 39 percent more than last year.

BAC President Joseph J. Cipriani praised the efforts of the college staff. All full-time college employees have not had salary increases in three of the last four years.

Those employee groups include administrators, faculty, union, secretaries union, custodial union, maintenance union, non-academic staff, office and

technical staff, and grant staff. "We're pleased about the record giving by our college family," said Dr. Cipriani. "It is important for us to share in support for so many fine agencies served by two United Way organizations, Greater St. Louis and Tri-Cities."

Approximately \$10,400 has been designated for the Illinois Division of the Greater St. Louis United Way in Belleville while approximately \$2,800 is going to the Tri-Cities Area United Way in Granite City.

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Defensive driving course scheduled by Farm Bureau

On Dec. 1 and 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Madison County Farm Bureau in Edwardsville and the Country Companies insurance and investment group, will offer a Defensive Driving course aimed at accident prevention.

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Slimettes' class to register

Registration for the Granite City Park District's "Slimettes" class will begin Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Wilson Park office at 9 a.m.

The new session will start Monday, Nov. 21, and meet at the Brown Recreation Center on Mondays at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m., and Sundays at 1

Park plan meet set

MITCHELL — An informational meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 15, to discuss a proposed park in the grounds of the Chouteau Township Social Center. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Social Center, 906 Thorntown Drive.

The proposed park (three or four acres) has the approval of the Chouteau Township Board of Trustees, but it will not be part of the Park District. Other avenues for financing will be discussed at the meeting, including application to various government agencies for funding.

The park is the brainchild of Clifford and Maxine Duniphan, who have recruited others in the area to establish it, including Trudy Sumpter and Colleen Bringer.

Features of the proposed park include a pond with a bridge across it, a gazebo, a pavilion, a playground for small children, benches, restrooms and landscaping.

Maxine Duniphan said, "Our hope is to create a quiet park, where visitors will be privileged to watch nature and exercise in peaceful surroundings."

Birth of second son for Highley couple

Don and Tracie (Mandi) Highley have announced the birth of their second child, a son, Austin Charles Highley.

He was born at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Belleville, on Oct. 19. The infant weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

The Highleys have another son, Adam, 5.

Grandparents are Ernest and Jean Hopkins, City City; Karl and Linda Mandt, Fairview Heights; Lois Highley, Collinville; and the late Charles Highley.

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Park's Christmas craft festival Nov. 19

The Granite City Park District's Christmas Ideas Festival will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Brown Recreation Center, Franklin and Amos avenues. The doors will be open to the public at 10 a.m. and will close at 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Fifty-four crafters will exhibit their wares. All items are handcrafted and geared to either Christmas decorations or gifts.

"The show has become a very popular event in town and always has a capacity crowd," said Sue Champion, coordinator of the event.

Many people return a sec-

ond time to buy something else or just to browse around. It is also a good time to get ideas for church bazaars," she said.

Some of the ideas to be displayed and sold are: personalized sweaters, children's smocked clothes, quilts and afghans, wooden chests and shelves, "draft dodgers," porch swings, doll cradles, oil paint-

ings, wooden reindeer, Christmas ornaments of all descriptions, stuffed animals, sweatshirts, nightgowns.

Also, doll clothes matching a child's hair ribbon, personalized bees for children, decorative hat boxes, wooden easels, all kinds of dolls, Christmas wreaths, picture

frames, bachelor chairs.

And, porcelain and ceramic items, quilt sets, country baskets, lace doilies, unfinished wood cutouts, bird houses, folk art, wildlife items, homemade candy and pastries, flower arrangements, calico items, counted cross-stitch projects, moss baskets and Christmas tree skirts.



MOSS BASKETS are displayed by Dana Stauder and Joy Wallace of Belleville. The Christmas Ideas Festival draws hundreds of customers each year.

Costello campaign was helped by volunteers

By Rick Arnold
Staff affiliate

In that recently concluded marathon known as the campaign for the governor of the state, Costello's campaign volunteers were the most active, receiving publicity at one time or another; the candidates, the candidates' relatives, poll takers, poll participants, even the media.

Everyone, that is, except the one group who did more for the candidates than any poll or newspaper endorsement could

do: the campaign volunteers.

The importance of volunteers is reflected in a collage of photos hanging on a wall in the 101 Club, Democratic Rep. Jerry Costello's campaign headquarters. Above the collage is a banner: "Jerry Costello thanks you for caring."

At high noon on Election Day, though Costello had finished dueling with Bob Gaffney, a small group of Costello volunteers mounted one last drive,

calling people and urging them to vote.

Costello has had between 50 and 75 volunteers working for him over the last six months.

Some said they did it to get a feel for the political process — but most said they did it because of their feelings for Costello.

"If he had the time, he would talk to all these people himself," said Paula Daley, 37, of Belleville. "He's an honest man with a lot of compassion."

Daley, born and reared in East St. Louis, said she has known Costello for more than 20 years. She worked in campaigns even before she could vote.

At 16, she was old enough to drive. "I was driving people to the polling places," Daley said.

Daley said she sees it as her civic duty to volunteer her time.

"Somebody has to do it," she said, adding that she gets disgusted when she hears people criticize the political process without offering any solutions.

"The ones that complain the most are the ones who do nothing," Daley said.

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Leslie Schaller, 46, of Belleville, said it's been a long year of making signs, calling voters and going door-to-door, but it was worth it.

"It seems like a long time, but this is what we've been working for," she said.

Schaller, who has worked in campaigns since 1974, said the volunteers and just now realize the candidates on Election Day.

"Remember Aug. 9 (the date of the special general election) when he only won (a five-month term) by 1,500 votes?" Schaller asked. "You don't think we were nervous? You bet we were nervous."

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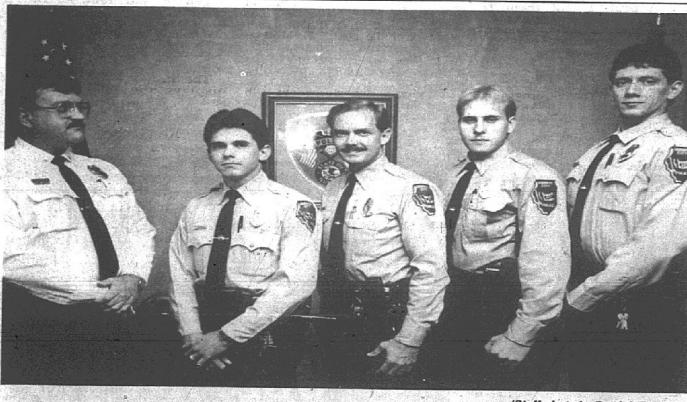
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ACADEMY GRADUATES: Assistant Police Chief Ron Selph, left, congratulates four Granite City graduates of the Belleville Area College Police Academy. The four police officers from left, are Ed Robertson, Nick Hulik, Daryl May and Tom Paul. Hulik was a graduate of the class first in the academic portion of the training and was first overall of 32 participants. He also received the Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association award. Paul took too honors in the physical portion of the training, running the "academy mile" in an all-time record 5 minutes, 57 seconds. He graduated second overall. Robertson finished the training fourth overall. They graduated from the 10-week training program on Nov. 4.



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Baby celebrates first year

Jamie Rose Kozak celebrated her first birthday Oct. 29 at the home of her parents, James and Charles Kozak.

A "Little Sailor Girl Bear" theme was used, and a yard card greeted guests.

After a buffet luncheon, gifts were opened with the help of Jamie's brother, Jonathan Joseph Kozak.

Others attending were: grandmother Rose Rice; great-grandmother Olga Kozak; godparents George and Alice Lux and sons Geoffrey and Michael; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Neil; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mance; Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Lux; Marion Kozak; Audrey Fitzgerald; and Goldie Rozycke.

St. Stanislaus Lodge 1004 held its monthly meeting at the Polish Hall on Nov. 6.

The Polish Lodge Christmas Party will be at 2 p.m. Dec. 18, with the Polish Hall Dancers providing entertainment. Agnes Hueston and Helen Bertach will purchase gifts.

President Stan Serwatka announced that the nomination and election of officers will be held on Dec. 4 in the basement of the hall.

Reggie Forys reported on the Halloween dance.

Plans are almost complete for a New Year's Eve party to begin at 8 p.m. Details will be available.

Others present were Al Ruesing, Nancy Stimac, Ed Forys, Dorothy Serwatka, Joe Kiszewski, Susan Stan Kozak and Scott Stimac.

A surprise baby shower was given Nov. 1 for Mrs. Joe (Bobbie Pearce) Dallas by her cousin, the home of Dolores Bruncic, Madison.

Those attending were: her mother, Julie Pearce; Sheila Bruncic; JoAnn Sebeschak; Fay Bruncic; Adele Wasylak; Barbara Czajka; Linda Bruncic; Rose Scaturo; Gail Miller and daughter Cary; Marlene Hart; Eleanor Tukta; Bonnie Miller and daughter Sandy; Stephanie Rzucik; Johnnae; George Snell; Debbie Senn; Mary Margaret Nunn; Marion Yehn; Marlene Nunn; Dorothy Williams; Jeanine Nonn and daughter Kathryn; Phyllis George; Diane Hart; Debbie Testmer; Donna Scaturo and daughters Patti, Kathy and Tina; and Dolores and Teresa Bruncic.

The home was decorated with colorful balloons and teddy bears. The buffet table was decorated with a cake decorated with a stork and various baby items. Dallas was a first-grade teacher at Harris School, Madison.

Christopher Papa spent the weekend visiting with his friends and his parents, John and Louise Papa. He is a freshman at University of California, Calif., where he is majoring in Chinese. He graduated in May from St. Louis University High School, St. Louis.

St. Mary's Catholic Church will sponsor a Parish Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Nov. 20.

Chairman Tom Gordon said proceeds will be used for the air-conditioning fund. Tickets, which are available at the rectory or the date of the event, are \$3 for adults, \$2 for children 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under. Carryouts will be available.

The St. Mary's-St. Mark's Parents group held its monthly meeting at the school cafeteria Oct. 29.

President Alan Ratkevich opened the meeting, and Sister Mary John offered the prayer. Sharon Gagich reported on the Halloween Party.

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The Snowman's Ball will be held on Dec. 3. Tickets will be \$8, which includes dinner to be catered by Ravennelli's, music by Vicki and the band, and door prizes. Mildred Gajowski asked for help in decorating on Dec. 2.

Peggy Schari reported on the boys' basketball team. They have a game schedule, with games to be played at Marquette High School, Alton.

Paula Ballew gave a report on Christmas Holiday Gift sales. The annual Tupperware party will be held on Dec. 7 to 10 p.m. Students will purchase for their parents and others at the Christmas shopping event for students.

Prizes will be purchased to paint new lines on the playground.

Kathy Ratkevich is the chairman of Tupperware sales to be held in February or March.

Others attending were: Harlyn Johnson, Barbara Pamela Calvert, Gerry Mendez, Becky Cooper, Mary Lou Rogenski, Lori Kwiatowski, Jean Maruski, Ann Gillespie, Kathy Dohnal and Linda, Linda and Meg McKechnie; Sharon and Delores Brinkman; Mary Sue Nettles, Mary and Heather Neale; Mary and Kathy Polston, Sue Miller, Joyce McKinney, Elsie Kmetz and Linda Bellcroft.

Gillespie will become the bride of Jim Wiser on Dec. 17 at the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Religious Center.

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Mary Kranjnovich led the prayer. Vice President Ida Dant conducted the meeting.

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The Christmas Party will be at Engelbert Hall on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m., with Jerry Roderick catering.

Lucille Moses suggested holding the November "Take in" in conjunction with the Parish Pancake and Sausage Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 20.

Hostesses were Vada Krajnovich, Ceil Kowalczyk, Lee Kran and Lee Lupa.

The Quilting Club met on Nov. 2 at the home of Katie Sutich for breakfast, followed by a morning of bingo. Attending were: Catherine Kozak, Vera Mary, Ann Bunki, Marie Szemek and Mary Venorsky.

A Halloween Party for St. Mary's-St. Mark's students was held on Oct. 31. It was sponsored by the school's parent group, with Betty Skinner and Sharon Gagich chairing.

The students joined Harris School in a parade through Madison. Later, at St. Mary's cafeteria, a costume contest was held. Judges were Vera Sikora, Mary Bunki and Beth Dittman.

Winners were: Kindergarten: Gregory Rodriguez, first; Travis Simms, second; and Jose Briagos, third.

First grade: Fernando Pardo, first; Elvira Brooks, second; and Holly Dernbach, third.

Second grade: Jessica Bathon, first; Jo Achism Butler, second; and Liela Wise, third.

Third grade: Becky Mueller, first; Andrea Trice, second; and Cindy Bisto, third.

Fourth grade: Jeff Skinner, first; Andrew Trice, second; and Jacob Bathon, third.

Fifth grade: Andrea Howard,

first; Jason Anderson, second; and Takisha Griggs, third.

Sixth grade: Jennifer Sapp, first; Chris Bisto, second; and Niesha Mathis, third.

Seventh grade: Krista Ballew, first; Kristi Miller, second; and Erica Stabu, third.

Eighth grade: Sean Williamson, first; Kirstin Yobby, second; and Cindy Saccaturo, third.

Refreshments were served and bingo was played.

A bridal shower was held for Christine Gillespie on Sunday at the Madison Recreation Center by her family and the future groom's parents.

She was assisted in opening her bridal gifts by Patty Gillespie and Lisa Bridick.

Prizes were awarded and a buffet lunch served to Carol Robertson, Vera Sikora, Helen Franich, Doris Felton, Erin Perkinson, Louise Hubert and Rosalie Marilyn Webb. Lori Kozak, Lori Kwiatowski, Jean Maruski, Ann Gillespie, Kathy Dohnal and Linda, Linda and Meg McKechnie; Sharon and Delores Brinkman; Mary Sue Nettles, Mary and Heather Neale; Mary and Kathy Polston, Sue Miller, Joyce McKinney, Elsie Kmetz and Linda Bellcroft.

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The ceremony was conducted at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Madison.

Local officers installed were: regent, Dorothy Hoedbeck; vice regent, Linda Pieper; past regent, Peggy Cukrowicz; recording secretary, Mary Horvath; treasurer, Ceil Mance; financial secretary, Irma Manning; scribe, Stephanie Rzucik; chancellor, Cecilia O'Conor; monitor, Josephine Yurko.

Custodian, Martha Kozusek; banner bearer, Berlie Weise; inner guard, Johanna Bukovac; outer guard, Mary Tolka; first guide, Mary Cukrowicz; second guide, Frances Gallauer; first trustee, Florence Portell; second trustee, Annaliese Garamiti; third trustee, Frances Gruber; and musician, Cleta Judd.

Plane tickets were given for a Christmas party to be held at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at Jerry's Cafeteria.

The Parents' Club provided soda and potato chips.

Madison Middle School observed Halloween Day in a big way.

Halloween Committee chairman was John Petrich.

Joan Smith, a parent, was dressed as a witch in the haunted house.

The Parents' Club provided soda and potato chips.

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Church Women hold meeting

The monthly meeting of Church Women United was held on Oct. 18 at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Granite City, with Dorothy Kinney presiding.

Kinney gave the description and meaning of the logo of CWU.

Dodie Edwards and Joyce Schmitz, co-chairmen of the Fall Forum, reported on "Women in Poverty" as the New Imperative," and thanked all those who helped make the program a success.

Sixteen women were present representing area churches.

It was reported that Coordinated Youth needs soap and detergent. Contributors were asked to give monetary donations to their church representatives.

Members were invited to attend a Bible study led by Dorothy Luckert from 9:30 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the National Lutheran Church.

The following announcements were made:

The hours for the group's blood drives have been changed to 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 29 at St. Peter's Church.

The Fall Area Institute was held at Centralia, Ill., Oct. 26 with Ola Jones, Noni Corlelius, Kinney and Mary Lee attending.

The Southeast Area Institute will be held at Our Lady of the Snows on April 27-29.

The Christmas party of the local chapter of CWU will be held at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at St. Peter's Church. Those present were asked to bring a covered dish and an article for a silent auction.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer led by Jones.

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Births

Birth of second son for Highley couple

Dan and Tracie (Mandi) Highley announced the birth of their second child, a son, on Oct. 19.

He was born at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Belleville, on Oct. 19. The infant weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

The Highleys have another son, Andrew, 5.

Grandparents are Ernest and Jean Hopkins of Granite City, Karl and Ann Marshall, Fairview Heights; Lois Highley, Collingsville; and the late Charles Highley.

First grandchild for local couple

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Frick, Collinsville, became the parents of their first child, a daughter, born Nov. 9 at Belleville Memorial Hospital. The mother is the former Lori Anne Warren of Pontoon Beach.

The infant has been named Leah Anne. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

The new arrival is also the first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and Mary Warren of Pontoon Beach. Mary Warren is Pontoon Beach village clerk. Patriarchal grandparents are Ronald and Jane Frick, Swanson.

The maternal great-grandparents are Raymond and Leona McCoy, Pontoon Beach, and Leah Warren, Granite City.

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Lois Huddleston

Recording artist to sing Sunday

Local recording artist Lois Huddleston will appear at Grace Baptist Church, 2600 Edwards St., on Sunday.

The church will celebrate its 31st anniversary Sunday and will also start revival services, which will continue through Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Huddleston has appeared with top country music stars such as Merle Haggard, Mel Tillis and Dolly Parton.

Huddleston will be in concert at 7:30 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. Saturday with host evangelist Harold Cathey from Ashland, Ky. The Rev. Bob Grace invites the public to attend.

Also on Sunday, Grace Baptist will hold a children's carnival to which the children in the community are invited. Thousands of gifts, toys, games and prizes donated by people of the church will be available for the children after the service. The carnival will be free. If parents would like their children to attend, they are asked to call the church at 877-6672.

Annex

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Storm sewers will be installed and stormwater removed through a series of swales to a pumping station and then emptied into the Cahokia Ditch.

Interspersed along professionally designed landscaping will mark the entrance to Hogan Estates on Shannon Drive, the development's main street, which runs in a north-south direction.

The three-bedroom-home sites are secluded to offer privacy and modern living in a country atmosphere, but are within minutes of the Quad City area, with good access to Interstates 255 and 270, Hogan said.

Williams, 151 and 157 and 159 Shoe Lake Road (State Aid 35), also major highways, are nearby, she said.

The plat and annexation documents were prepared by J.E. Stuart and Associates and conform to all village ordinances, Hogan said.

"The two other annexation requests accepted Wednesday night involved a two-acre tract in Illinois 162 owned by Rita White. The property is zoned B-2 and will be used primarily for storage of licensed recreational vehicles."

"An adjacent one-third-acre lot, also annexed and zoned for a single-family residence, is owned by Leonard White.

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John had begun tambura lessons when he was 6 and joined the Happy Strings Junior Tamburitzans in Madison. His father was a booster in the group. Of Tamburitzans he said, "It provides John's tie with an Eastern European heritage."

John plays a "brag" (pronounced brog), a five-stringed instrument he describes as slightly larger than a mandolin.

John and the other members of the troupe live on the same floor in a dorm at school, belonging to the Tamburitzans is like having 39 brothers and sisters."

He says his friends outside the group never kid him about it. "It's a very respected organization," he said. "In fact, most of them think it's really neat."

Belonging to the group, which began as a trio in 1932, is a lot of work.

"I practice every day and we rehearse together once a week," John said.

The Tamburitzans perform almost every weekend, getting only six weeks off a year.

He says it is still too early to know what will become of his talent after he graduates.

"Hopefully, I'll get a job in the business field," he said. "I'll probably still play in a combo or some small group. It would just be too hard to get away from."

Lottery

Results of the Illinois State Lottery were:

Thursday, Nov. 10: 871
Pick 4 Game: 2402
Friday, Nov. 11: 083
Pick 4 Game: 4210
Cash 5 Game:
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tell you flat out — the only reason we got it was that when the gate broke in 1986, the people who live there are very poor and black. Otherwise, there would not be a program."

Greathouse wasn't feeling kindly toward voters Friday, even though the MESD tax rate question got only 1,202 votes, 15,318 yes to 16,520 no.

"I'm so tempted to just lock it up and walk away," he said. "Shut the whole thing down and just hope nobody drowns."

At 7 a.m. he was going over the results of the referendum precinct by precinct.

The people who it would help the most, he said, voted against it," he said. "But back when it first went on the ballot, I didn't think there was time for it to even have a chance. And we were close."

"Some people have come up to me and said 'Shang, you ought to get the medal of honor for just coming that close,' but I say we should have won. I'll tell you what; next time we will."

At the end of the MESD's nearly 78 miles of canals and

levees need to be cleaned out. The canals are choked with trees and brush. Both the levees and ditches are used as dumps.

"Five or six years ago, the whole thing looked like a landfill," Greathouse said. "Even now you try to stop someone from dumping and they pull a gun on you. It's a war zone out there."

Greathouse has put up barricades and dirt piles and, in some areas, dug ditches across roads to keep people out.

"I've got a cable and they cut it down. We put up a thicker cable. Some of the cables are two inches thick. They cut those down with acetylene torches."

"But it's hard-headed. Eventually, I'll start digging."

Greathouse took a reporter on a tour of the levee. Among the trash pointed out were shingles, couches and tires.

"There were two phone booths under the bridge," Greathouse said at a ditch in Washington Park. "Someone had taken them, busted out the coin boxes and then dumped them here."

"Then this junk ends up in our canals when the water rises; it washes down to our pump

stations and screws them up. So I've got to pay a bunch of guys \$10 an hour to come out and pick up garbage."

That's a deadly problem, according to Greathouse, people who empty septic tanks into the canals.

"That's what caused the East St. Louis disaster," he said. "Raw sewage getting into the canals just ate right through that gate."

The gate that failed, flooding a large area of Saugel and East St. Louis, was less than a third of the way through its expected life.

Greathouse said he inherited a lot of tradition.

"We started one guy dumping a few tanks and found out he had permission from the mayor. I'm always being told, 'We've always done it!'"

Greathouse said things are improving, but he isn't holding his breath.

"You hire summer help at \$4 an hour to clean up, standing down there in that muck getting their hands cut — I can't tell you how many times someone had to go to the hospital. It's tough work, you can bet. Then

I'm in trouble because I am just creating jobs for someone's or another's kids. You can't win."

MESD employees have the reputation of being on a free ride and Greathouse said it was at least partially earned.

"People say, 'Why should we pay people who just sit around?' Of course it hurts having to live in that kind of a reputation."

"But I'll guarantee here now that doesn't work," he said.

"Oh, there are two or three out there who think they've got connections, but I'll go head-to-head with them and I'll win."

"Somebody's got to be in charge of this place and right now I don't know who that is. They have been partying for 30 years and that's enough. The party's over."

Greathouse estimates that if the MESD does the work itself, it costs \$50,000 a mile to clean the trees and brush from the canals and ditches. He said a lot of work has been done, but he has to hire people to do it. In some stations the are falling apart, instead of sending them

out to do cleaning.

"Every half- to quarter-mile you see something else keeping the water from flowing," he said. "It's embarrassing. The whole thing has been allowed to go to hell."

"You get the Corps of Engineers in there evaluating and I've got my guys out doing what they should be doing. Right now, with the river at two feet, they should be out here cleaning this all out."

"But I'm not doing everything, you know, I'm not getting everything apart, you have to just fix things when they break."

Greathouse said all of the problems are solvable.

"But I'm not going into the red," he said. "I'm not getting money. I'm still paying off bonds from the sons-a-guns who put this place in debt before."

"If I floated a bond issue for the whole amount needed, for the whole \$25 million, by the time we paid it off it would cost \$44 million."

"There's no reason I should care if I'm dead by then. But I can't do that to my children and grandchildren."

Obituaries

Durbin

Vern L. (Brooks) Durbin, 65, Kirkside, Ill., a native of Granite City and a former longtime resident, died at 7:05 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 1988, at DeKalb County Nursing Home, DeKalb, where she was a patient three weeks.

Born Aug. 15, 1923, in Granite City, Ill., she graduated from Granite City High School and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

After 24 years as a federal government employee, Mrs. Durbin retired in March from Rock Island Arsenal, where she worked contract specifically for the past 18 years. Previously she worked at the Price Support Center, formerly the Granite City Army Depot, and for the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Army in St. Louis.

She was formerly employed as office manager at Tri-City Printing Co., and also was a Nameoki correspondent for the Granite City Press-Record.

Mrs. Durbin resided in Mountain View, Ark., Mr. Mabry was in the Navy for 12 years, serving in World War II and the Korean War.

He was a member of the Masonic order and was a member of the Methodist faith.

Among the survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lorene (Clemens) Mabry, a son, Tom Mabry, Sherman, Ark.; a daughter, Mary Anne Mabry; Little Rock, Ark.; a stepdaughter, Brenda Kay Biggs; Pine Bluff, Ark.; a brother, Eppie Mabry, Mountain View; two sisters, Frances Brown, Mountain View, and Elizabeth Schanckery, Kankakee, Ill.; two granddaughters and one great-grandchild.

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Boaz

Minister E. (Fecor) Boaz, 88, Granite City, died at 7:50 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She had been a patient there for one week and the same length of time.

Born March 19, 1900, in Graves County, Ky., Mrs. Boaz resided in Granite City for many years. She previously lived in Madison, Ky.

Mrs. Boaz retired from Merit Clothing Co., where she had worked as a seamstress. She was the Protestant faith.

Survivors include a cousin, Mrs. Wilma Draper, and a goddaughter, Mrs. Robert (Pam) Bischoff, both of Granite City.

Visitation will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at Thomas Memorial Funeral Home, 2001 Madison Road, where funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday by the Rev. Allen Reiter. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to St. John United Church of Christ or Hospice of Madison County.

Mabry

Ervin Mabry, 66, Swan Lake, Atco, formerly of Granite City, died pronounced dead of injuries at 8:35 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1988, by Deputy Coroner Holly Watkins after he fell from a deer stand while hunting in rural Jefferson County, Ark.

He was a resident in Granite City from 1964 until he retired in 1980 and moved to Swan Lake. He was a heavy-equipment operator for 16 years at a local steel mill.

Born Aug. 28, 1922, in Mountain View, Ark., Mr. Mabry was in the Navy for 12 years, serving in World War II and the Korean War.

He was a member of the Masonic order and was a member of the Methodist faith.

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Fresen

Evelyn L. Fresen, 81, Granite City, died at 2:55 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a resident for two and a half months. She had been ill five months.

Born July 30, 1907, Miss Fresen was a long-time resident of this area. She retired in 1963 from the former Granite City Trust & Savings Bank, where she had worked as a teller for 27 years. She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ and the American Association of Retired Persons.

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Lane

Nellie Mae (Satterwhite) Lane, 82, Stewart, Tenn., formerly of Granite City, died at 4:32 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a patient three days. She had been ill for one week following a fall.

Born Nov. 12, 1905, in Bowling Green, Ky., Mrs. Lane resided in Granite City for many years. She was a member of Leatherwood United Methodist Church, Stewart.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, William Lynn, April 30, 1937, and Roe Lane, May 28, 1941.

Survivors include two sons, William H. Lynn, Granite City, and Roe B. Lane, Jr., Stewart; three daughters, Mae Wallace and Ettie Faye Thomas, both of Stewart, and Nancy Marrow, Joppa, Ala.; a stepdaughter, Jessie Jane Geurin, Louisville, Ky.; two brothers, two sisters, 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., Granite City.

Fred Baaltinger

Fred C. Baaltinger, 90, Granite City, who died at 4:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1988, at Edwardsville Care Center, was buried Saturday at Friedens Cemetery, St. Louis.

Funeral services were held Saturday at First United Pentecostal Church, 2450 Pentecost Road, with the Rev. Pauline Regester and the Rev. Larry Baaltinger officiating. The family has requested memorials to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Foundation. Arrangements were by Irwin Chapel for Funerals.

Mr. Baaltinger had been living at the Edwardsville Care Center for three years.

Born Jan. 1, 1898, in St. Louis, he had resided in Granite City for 15 years. He retired in 1965 from the Will Ecker and Co. printing shop. Mr. Baaltinger was a member of First United Pentecostal Church.

Preceding him in death was his wife, the former Opal Owens.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Lynn (June) Prewitt, St. Louis, Mrs. Joseph (Doris) Apthorpe, Granite City, and Mrs. Alan (Debbie) Jones, St. Charles, Mo., six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., Granite City, and will continue from 5 to 9 p.m. today (Sunday) at Cole and Garrett Funeral Home, Goodlettsville, Tenn., where funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday by the Rev. James Moore. Burial will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Scottville, Tenn.

Lynch

George Lynch, 74, Branson, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 11:15 a.m. Nov. 11, 1988, at John's Hospital, Springfield, Mo., where he was a patient two weeks. He had been ill for the past six months.

Born in St. Louis, Mr. Lynch resided in Granite City until 10 years ago when he moved to Branson. Prior to retiring, he was a driver for a local dairy.

Mr. Lynch was of the Catholic faith.

Among the survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mildred (Koussey) Lynch, of Zelma, Okla.; two daughters, Diane Zelma Ogle, Zelma, Okla., and Iris Lawson, Jerseyville; two sons, Dick Lynch, St. Louis, and Dave Lynch, El Paso, Tex.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mass will be celebrated early Monday at Springfield. Visitation starts at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Kutis Funeral Home, 10151 Gravois Road, Afton, Gravoiside Cemetery, and services will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Calvary Cemetery, 5239 West Florissant Road, St. Louis.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Madison County.

Grassroots

Upcoming meetings of Quad-City Area governmental taxing bodies include:

Chouteau Township, 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, Township Hall, 906 Thorngate Drive.

Nameoki Township, 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, Township Hall, 4250 Illinois St., Granite City.

Granite City School Board, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, Board Office, 20th and Adams Streets.

Granite City Council, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, City Hall, 2000 Edison Ave. (changed from Nov. 15).

Madison School Board, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, Board Office, 1707 Fourth St., Madison (changed from Nov. 17).

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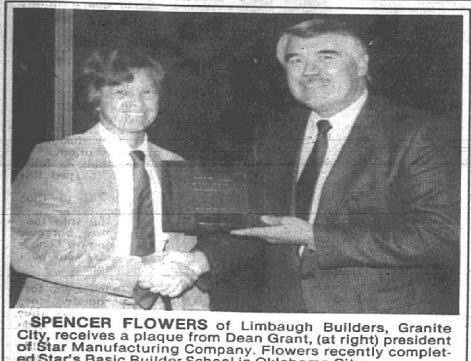
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SPENCER FLOWERS of Limbaugh Builders, Granite City, receives a plaque from Dean Grant, (at right) president of Star Manufacturing Company. Flowers recently completed Star's Basic Builder School in Oklahoma City.

GC grad in 'Who's Who'

A local resident is among 26 students from Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo., who will appear in the 1989 edition of "Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities."

Adam Schneider, Granite City theatre major, has been selected for the publication. A 1985 graduate of Granite City High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schneider.

Madison High group to host charity game

MADISON — The Madison Senior High Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Madison Middle School FCA will host their sixth annual Charity Benefit Basketball game on Friday, Nov. 18, in the gym from 6 to 10 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit needy families in Madison. Last year more than 800 cans were collected allowing 55 food baskets to be distributed.

Admissions for the game will be \$1 or two canned goods for student, and \$2 or four canned goods for adults. The FCA prefers the donation of canned goods for the preparation of food baskets.

Albert Collins and his team have agreed to put on a demonstration basketball game with the juniors playing the seniors. The preliminary game will pit Madison Middle School seventh-graders against eighth-graders for the first half and the faculty against the FCA team for the second half.

Mary Jiles and Charles Steptoe are co-chairs of the Madison high huddle and Albert Collins and Gladys Steptoe sponsor the Middle School.

There will be two turkeys given away as door prizes at half-time during the second game.



Eric Achenbach

To appear in 'Who's Who'

Eric Achenbach, Granite City High School senior, has been selected to appear in the 1987-88 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

It is the second year he has been selected. Only 5 percent of American high school students are selected annually for the publication.

Eric is president of the National Honor Society, a member of the student council, and the soccer, track and wrestling teams.

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Marshall's RIF winners chosen

The Marshall School Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) Walk winners have been announced by sponsor Jo Waggoner, a Chapter I reading teacher at the school.

The RIF Walk took place during the school's Halloween. About \$1,000 was collected by the students which will go toward the purchase of three books for each student.

With the money, the school met its 1/4 quota. Federal grant funds provide the other 3/4 of the

purchase money for the books. Winners were recently treated to a pizza party lunch in the cafeteria. They will also receive an extra RIF book and an honor certificate.

Winners were:
Kindergarten — Misty Bugg
First grade — Sarah Walts,
Patrick Singleton, Brandy

Second grade — Jacob Knuckles, Matthew Yarbrough, Peggy Hogue

Third grade — Dick Pearman, Jennifer Garner, Lisa Rodgers
Fourth grade — Stacey Günther, Aaron Walts

Fifth grade — Donald Jones
Sixth grade — Amy Boring

The grand prize winner was kindergarten student Nathan Dickey. He will also receive an oversized stuffed animal.

Winners will receive their certificates at an awards assembly Nov. 23.

GC High graduate to hold recital

Timothy Mason, a senior music education major at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro will give a benefit horn recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, at St. Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ, 2108 Cleveland Blvd.

Mason is seeking donations to help fund a trip to Europe this

spring with the MTSU Chamber Choir. The group will be on an annual tour.

Mason, a 1985 graduate of Granite City High School, has a music scholarship at the university. He is a member of the Wind Ensemble, marching band, concert choir, the MTSU chapter of

the Music Educators National Conference, the International Horn Society, and Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

He is currently principle horn for the MTSU orchestra.

Admission is free. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so at the recital or contact the church office at 877-1904.

Madison schools plan American Education Week celebration

MADISON — Each District 12 school will be celebrating American Education week, Nov. 14-18, with a different program.

Students will demonstrate learned skills and perform programs, giving their parents a chance to see them in action.

On Monday, the Middle School will focus on language arts and have an open house. The school will also feature mathematics on Tuesday, science on Wednesday, social studies on Thursday and fine arts, music, physical education and special education on Friday.

On Tuesday, the high school will have an annual dismissal at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Gene Allsup will hold a "Learning Styles and Brain Growth Periodization"

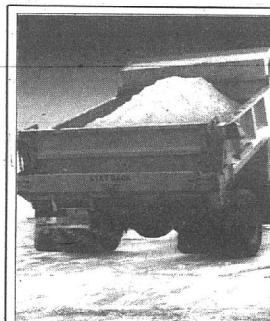
workshop, which the public is invited to attend. At 6 p.m., parents, teachers and administrators will meet in the newly renovated library for an introductory session. Afterwards, parents will follow the daily schedule of their children at the school. A reception, where students will provide refreshments and entertainment, will be held in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Blair School will have an education with an all-school program at 6 p.m. Each class will perform a finger plays, poems, nursery rhymes, songs and picture shows.

On Thursday, Harris School will present "A Rainbow Connection" at 6 p.m., performing songs, poems, choral readings, art and dance.

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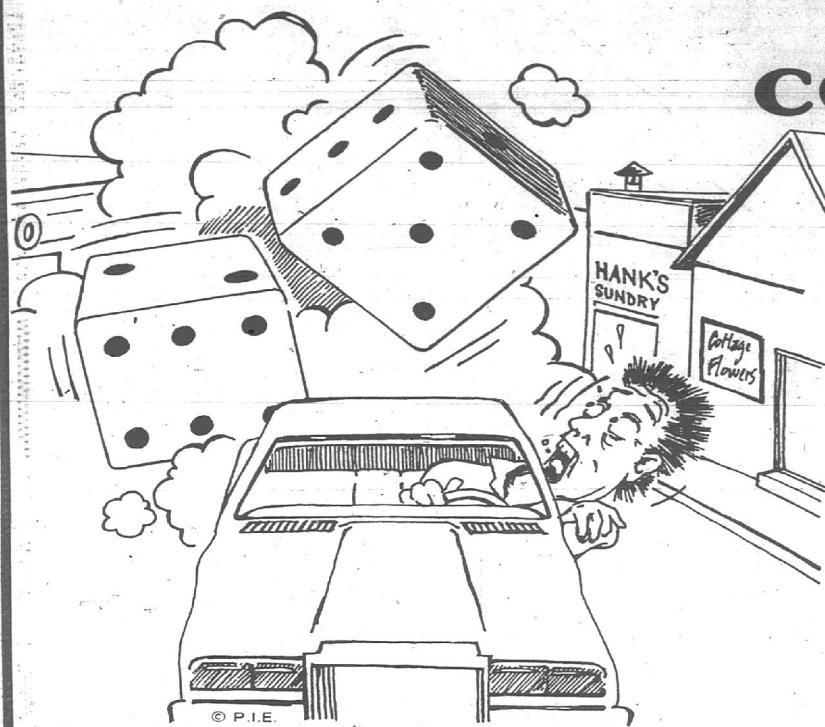
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Sports

Cougars smallish, but they can score

EDWARDSVILLE — It would be hard to label the 1988-89 SIUE Cougar basketball team as a team "without."

But after all, it is a team without a freshman, without a sophomore and without a center. Should fans who have seen the Cougars reach the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Division II Tournament two of the last three years worry? Not yet, because this is also a team "with."

"We're going to enter the season without a center," said coach Larry Graham, entering his fifth year at SIUE with a 72-34 record. "For that matter, we're going into the season without a player on the roster taller than 6-6. But I am not sure that means we're not going to have a team that you might think. There are ways to beat taller teams, and we're going to find them."

While the Cougars are without several basketball ingredients, they are still scoring. And SIUE has nine players on the roster with one thing in common: they can pour in the points.

Back from last year's 19-9 squad are the two top scorers: Frankie Williams and Edgar Wilson. Mix in Division I transfers Monte Kuhert, Johnny Scruggs and Odell Tidwell, and it's a high-powered blend. And a senior collector: All-American Jim Brown and returning squad members Dan Biedscheid, Kirk Robinson and Phil Wahl and this is a team "with." With outstanding shooting, with quickness. With a powerful running game. With versatility.

The following is a rundown of the Cougars, position by position:

Point guard

When a player transfers from Division I programs like San Diego State, nothing he does should surprise the coaching staff. Johnny Scruggs appears to be the exception to the rule. At only 5-8, the 6-3 junior lived up to his billing as a great scorer, he has learned how to handle the point-guard position and is the frontrunner to quarterback the offense. A hard worker who will fire the team's fast-break offense. The Scruggs joined the Cougars after appearing in 27 of the Aztecs' 29 games in 1986-87.



Larry Graham

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11/25-26 COUGAR CLASSIC.....	6 & 8 p.m.
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11/29 MARYWOOD COLLEGE.....	7:35
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12/9 FLORIDA SOUTHERN.....	7:30
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12/18 KENTUCKY WESLEYAN.....	7:30
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1/21 WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE.....	7:30
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2/10 MARYWOOD-PARKEETON.....	7:30
2/19 PARK COLLEGE.....	7:35
2/20 KENTUCKY STATE.....	7:30
2/26 KENTUCKY STATE.....	7:30
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ing letterman Phil Wahl, a 6-3 senior, demonstrated an ability to break the one defense he had the greatest success against, ball-screening, and 16 against Monmouth. Kirk Robinson, a 6-1 senior who played junior college ball at GCC, will provide some experienced depth, having played in 14 games last year. And, of course, he can score when he came off the bench against Spring Arbor College and got 10 points.

The inside players

According to Graham, "Edgar Wilson is the key to our team. He must score near the basket, rebound and provide the type of senior leadership needed to get to the next level."

If last year is any indication, Wilson could become one of the most respected players in the region. A 54.5 percent field goal shooter, the 6-4 senior rebounded on the team in rebounding (6.3), scoring (14.5) and blocked shots (13). He was also among the team leaders in assists (37) and steals (25) in all games, scoring at least 10 points in 20 games, including a 25-point outburst against McKendree. He also collected at least 10 rebounds in five games.

Opposing coaches, Tidwell and letterman Dan Biedscheid figure to share time in the other forward position. Tidwell, a 6-6 senior transfer from Hardin-Simmons, gives the Cougars a very quick forward who can knock down a standing shot from within 15 feet. As a starter in eight of 28 games at the Division I school, he averaged 6.9 points and 3.7 rebounds. He also reached double figures in scoring eight times.

Biedscheid is the most experienced player on the front line. A 6-4 junior, in 31 games for the Cougars, including a streak of three games last year when he scored 10 points in each game.

Graham's assistant coach is Rick DePew, who is this year serving as a graduate assistant.

Wing positions

The key to success may be with the two players at the wing positions. Without a center, the wings are not only going to have to lead the team in scoring, but are going to be called upon to grab some rebounds. Fortunately, the wing position is the strength of the team.

No less than five players, including Williams, are capable of filling the role in the starting lineup. Junior college All-American Tim Brown leads the way.

An outstanding scorer who averaged 10.7 points per game, he reached double figures in 18 games.

Monte Kuhert, a 6-3 junior who transferred from Northern Iowa and becomes eligible Dec. 17, is an outstanding shooter and is capable of adding an additional dimension to the position — scoring from the inside. Return-



EDGAR WILSON will be a key to the Cougars this year with his scoring ability around the basket.

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Six Granite City players help Sauk Valley to 11-5-2 record

Six players from Granite City helped the Sauk Valley Community College soccer team to an 11-5-2 mark in 1988.

The Redmen reached the region semifinals before losing 1-0 to Triton College. Triton is located in Marion, Ill., and Sauk Valley, located in Dian, Ill., has compiled a 34-17-2 record over the last three years while being coached by Granite City's Ron Rowden.

Granite City players contributing to the Redmen's season this year included:

Greg Bailey — mid-fielder/forward; co-captain; 12 goals, 13 assists; started all 18 games; All-Region 4 team (honorable mention).

Jerry Lakin — the sophomore forward scored eight goals and five assists while starting 11 of 18 games; a team leader on and off the field; missed time due to an ankle injury.

Alan Norton — the role player played backfield as well as forward. He missed five games with an ankle injury.

Mike Konuch — A two-year starter at Granite City High School, he was redshirted this year.

Darin Duffin — The sophomore had one goal while starting 17 of the 18 games in the backfield. He was a second-team All-Region 4 selection and was the team's most consistent defender.

David Harris — The freshman started all 18 games at midfield, scoring one goal and seven assists.

Jerry Lakin — The sophomore forward scored eight goals and five assists while starting 11 of 18 games; a team leader on and off the field; missed time due to an ankle injury.

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GRANITE CITY was welcomed into the Mon-Clair League at a meeting in Millstadt on Oct. 24. League president Mel Patton (left) greeted Granite City manager Daren DePew (center) and team organizer Woody Moad.

(Photo by Paul Baillargeon)

Sports shorts



Church League has openings

The Granite City Park District has openings in its Church League Basketball Program.

Team entry fee is \$150, which includes a 15-game schedule with play-offs. Games will be played on Monday evenings.

For further information, contact Wake Barber at the Wilson Park Office, 877-3069.

Madison FCA game scheduled Nov. 18

The Madison Senior High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes is sponsoring its sixth annual charity benefit basketball game Nov. 18.

The game will be sponsored by the high school FCA along with the Madison Middle School High School FCA, which benefits needy families in Madison. The benefit will be at Madison High School from 6 to 10 p.m. on Nov. 18.

Last year, more than 800 cans were collected and 55 food baskets were given out.

Admission will be \$1 for students and \$2 for adults. The FCA is asking that donations be brought in the form of canned goods — two cans for students and four cans for adults.

Albert Collins and the Trojan basketball team have agreed to put on a demonstration game pitting the seniors against the juniors. The preliminary game will feature the Madison Middle School seventh grade against the eighth grade, a half, and the middle school faculty against the FCA team for a half.

Mark Jiles and Charles Steptoe are sponsors for the senior high huddle. Collins and Gladys Stiles are the middle school huddle sponsors.

District 12 administrators, principals and social worker will select the names of the needy families. Those who have a family in mind should contact Robert Melchic, high school principal, at 876-2010, by Nov. 18 at 4 p.m.

There will be two turkeys given away at halftime of the second game as a door prize.

GC park volleyball league has openings

The Granite City Park District has openings in its Women's Recreational Volleyball League.

Leagues games will be played on Wednesday nights at the Lincoln Place Community Center. Entry fee for the league is \$75 per team, with a non-resident fee of \$17.50 per player.

For further information, contact the Wilson Park Office at 877-3059.



Skating sessions begin at ice rink

Public skating at the Granite City Park District ice rink has begun for the winter season.

Session times for this season are: Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 7 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 1 to 3:30 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 3:30 p.m. and 7:15 to 9:45 p.m. Adults only sessions are: Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and Sundays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Stick time is Fridays, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Freeburg Christmas tourney needs team

Freeburg High School needs another team for its 10-team boys' basketball tournament Dec. 26-29.

For more information, call athletic director Fred Blumberg at 539-5533.



(Photo by Sue Harris)
DAL MAXVILL, as always, was among the featured speakers at the Granite City Park District Sports Award Banquet held Thursday at the Granite City Township Hall. More photos and a roundup of all award winners will appear in Wednesday's Journal.

MICHELLE LEVIN of Granite City has been selected to the honorarium nomination list of the 1988 NAIA All-District 11 Volleyball team. Levin, formerly Michelle Morgan, is a senior at Peru State (Neb.) College. She dished out a team-high 1,453 assists, second on the school's single-season chart, as the Lady Bobcats posted a 41-9 mark and qualified for the District 11 playoffs for the second straight year. Levin, named to the all-independent league first team earlier this month, is a two-year starter and co-captain. She is Peru State's all-time assist leader with 2,591.

Fire department wins Parks five-mile event

The Granite City Fire Department took first place in the Fire & Police category of the Parks City Five-Mile race.

It was the third year in a row the fire department had won the event. Winning team members and their times were Sam Nesbit (30:39); Ed Mitchell (33:00); Tim Connolly (33:00); Jim Snelson (33:07); John Joyce (33:07) and Vicce Martinez (33:56).

In the one-mile fun run, a team from Granite City tied for fifth place. Participants and their times were: Eddie Connolly (8:18); Andrea Connolly, 10, (8:45); and Jamie Snelson, 10, (8:48).

QCSA has dance, banquet Nov. 19

The Quad Cities Soccer Association will hold its seventh annual chicken and beer dance on Nov. 19 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The dance will be from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the hall, 4220 Old Alton Road, Granite City. There will be chicken, beer and set-ups. Chicken will be served at 8 p.m. The cost is \$9 per person. KHTF's Kevin McCarthy will be the emcee.

The QCSA will also have an awards banquet at the K of C hall that afternoon at 4 p.m. Awards will be given out to first and second-place teams in the league's fall season.

Tournaments, leagues at Ball Park Center

Mike Moore of The Ball Park Sports Center in O'Fallon is announcing several upcoming events.

The winter softball league began Nov. 8, with men's and women's leagues playing on Tuesdays, minor league on Wednesdays, men's league on Thursdays and co-rec league on Fridays. Volleyball leagues begin on Nov. 27, 3-on-3 basketball, first and second of December, and indoor soccer the second week of November.

For more information on any of these, call 632-5900.

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Also on page 16, we advertised Ghostbusters figurine and accessories. We regret that the Highway Haunter on sale for \$11.99, and the Flamingo on page 17, reg. \$12.99, will not be in our stores due to manufacturer's inability to ship. We will gladly issue rain checks to our customers.

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Entertainment

'War and Remembrance' as long as WWII

By Mark Bretz
Weekend TV

Remember the Michel Legrand score from several years back, "What Are You Doing the Rest of Your Life?"

That could well serve as a theme for ABC-TV's mammoth miniseries (maxiseries?) "War and Remembrance," which begins at 9 p.m. Saturday at 7 p.m. Sunday on KTVI-TV (Channel 2) with a three-hour opening installment.

Television traditionally has three important "sweeps" — hours, is superior viewing because it minimizes the noisy dramatic personal stories and focuses instead on the international scope of the conflict. With 30 hours of telecast, that could change considerably, of course, but the series is potentially a dramatically effective television that tells its story in splendid and gripping fashion.

Robert Mitchum, who has the pivotal role of American naval officer Capt. Vicki, "Horn" Hagen, basically has a cameo part in the opening installment, but obviously he will be more visible as the show progresses. Other in the first cast include Polly Bergen as Pugs' estranged wife, Jane Seymour as his Jewish daughter-in-law who is stranded in Mussolini's Italy; Victoria Jackson (from "Roots") as the love interest; and Jetta Gilligan as Seymour's uncle, who also is at the mercy of the Axis powers in Italy.

Other familiar names in the ensemble cast are Barry Bostwick, Peter Graves, Robert Morley, David Dukes, Hart Bochner, Topol, John Rhys-Davies, Ian McShane, Ralph Bellamy and Jeremy Kemp. Steven Berkoff is the ignominious role of Adolf Hitler.

Subsequent episodes of "War and Remembrance" in November will air over an 11-day period, including 7 p.m. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, and 8 p.m. Thursday.

"War and Remembrance," which was budgeted at \$100 million, was filmed on location in 10 countries during a period of 21

hours. To say it is ambitious is severe understatement, but if the program matches the intensity and quality of the first episode, it should be a ratings winner for ABC and help the network greatly in the season's ratings battle with CBS and NBC.

An excellent show for anyone who remembers the horrors of the Cuban missile crisis of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 29, 1963, is "Who Shot President Kennedy?" — this week's installment on the PBS science series "Nova." The show, which begins at 8 p.m. Tuesday on KETC-TV (Channel 9), presents chilling evidence on the assassination, objectively scrutinizing details of the killing in Dallas to a veteran, savvy television reporter just returned from the scene of the crime at the Betty Ford Clinic.

Hosted by Walter Cronkite, "Who Shot President Kennedy?"

is an absorbing, shocking, fascinating and dramatic look at the

modern scientific tools of analysis, at what did or could

have happened on that fateful Friday a quarter-century ago.

Although there are many skeptics, Cronkite stated for up this month, this could well be the best of the lot. ***

Still another excellent PBS show begins at 8 p.m. Sunday, Channel 9 is the first of a six-part "Nature" study on "The Nature of Australia: A Separate Creation." In celebration of the bicentennial of the land "Down

Under," the "Nature" series explores the exotic wildlife and the amazing terrain of the continent that also is an island and was once a penal colony for convicts from the British Empire.

Kangaroos, wallabies, platypus ducks and Tasmanian devils are among the fascinating creatures studied in the opening installment. It is an hour of your time well worth the investment and will likely convince you to catch the subsequent segments. ***

One week's network premiere this week is a new, catchily titled "Murphy Brown," a stylish, amusing comedy series with Candice Bergen in the title role of a veteran, savvy television reporter just returned from the scene of the crime at the Betty Ford Clinic.

Murphy is the star reporter for a news show called "FYI" and is surrounded by the usual suspects to have a yuppie production. "Who's on first" now the Shirelles were: a likeable, nice guy type; and a beautiful queen-turned-co-anchor.

"Murphy Brown," which airs at 8 p.m. Monday on Channel 4, has the look of an updated "Mary Tyler Moore" series.

Bits 'n' pieces

The gridiron battle between the Phoenix Cardinals and New York Giants for first place in the NFC East takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday on Channel 4.

'Dominick and Eugene' tells warm tale

By Frank Hunter
Staff affiliate

Ordinarily, the trouble with being your brother's keeper is that he thinks you are trying to boss him around. Not so in the case of "Dominick and Eugene" (4½ stars), a coming-of-age, sometimes overly sentimental, tale of true brotherly love between fraternal twins.

Director Robert M. Young captures the warmth underlying

a unique relationship between medical student Eugene Luciano (Ray Liotta) and brain-damaged Dominick (Tom Hulce).

The film's strength stems from the remarkable bond between the brothers, and Dominick's overwhelming trust in Eugene's ability to handle his medical school workload and the myriad details of their life together.

As the story unfolds, Eugene is drawn to a well-heeled aspir-

ing doctor (Jamie Lee Curtis) he has been tutoring in pharmacology. Dominick quickly perceives he is a threat to the close relationship with his brother.

Hulce, who breathed life and exuberant humor into the role of Mozart in "Amadeus," may cop an Academy Award nomination for his performance.

Lotta, the psychotic ex-husband of "Somewhere in Time," is an

arresting Eugene, a seri-

ous-minded man tormented by conscience.

Curtis plays the medic in a quiet, low-key manner that marks an abrupt and satisfying departure from her vastly different role as the jazzed-up seductress who jars the preserves of John Cleese in "A Fish Called Wanda."

Rated PG-13 (Language, mild violence). Running time: 111 minutes.

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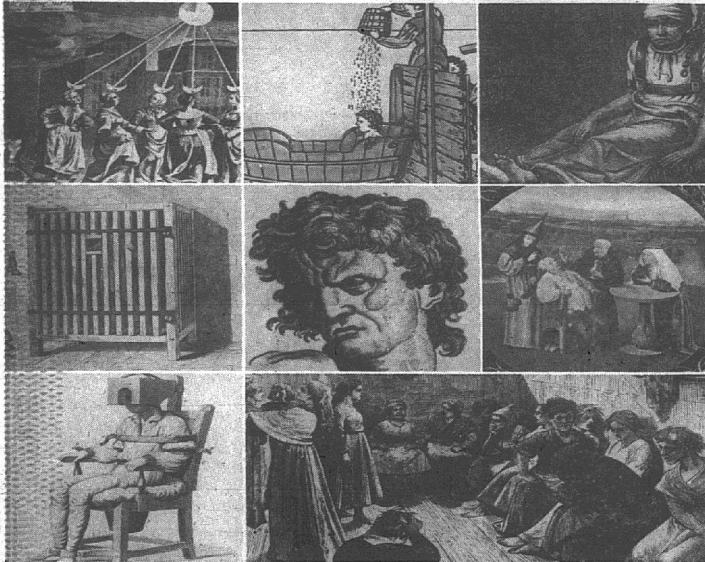
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Election '88

WINNERS: Above, Jerry Costello speaks to a gathering of Democrats at the V.F.W. Hall in Granite City Tuesday night. With him are his son, Jerry Jr., daughter, Gina; his wife, Linda, and son, John. About 66 were present for Costello's early election night visit to Granite City. He later visited a gathering in Madison. At left, two Democratic winners congratulate each other at the Good River Moose Lodge hall Tuesday night. At left is Dan Donohoo, elected Madison County recorder of deeds, shaking hands with Circuit Judge Charles Chapman, who was successful in his bid for appellate judge of the 5th Judicial District. Alton area Democrats gathered at the hall for election results.

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PACs heavily backed successful efforts of re-election bids

By Edward T. Hearn
P-R/W Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Backing the lawmakers they have come to know, political action committees (PACs) gave incumbent congressmen more than \$100 million but gave their challengers just \$13.2 million, according to a new study by Common Cause.

PACs also gave open-seat candidates \$12 million, putting their total spending for the 1987-88 election cycle at \$125.2 million, said Common Cause, a Washington-based research and advocacy group.

The House leader in PAC receipts was Rep. Robert H. Michel, the Peoria Republican and House minority leader who won 55 percent of the vote in the 18th District in November.

The Senate's top PAC recipient was Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Texas, who raised \$2.4 million. Under Texas law, Benten won a fourth Senate term while his party's national ticket was losing 40 of the 50 states.

The PACs' lopeided support for sitting members of Congress paid off, as only six House and four Senate incumbents went down in the election on Election Day. Just 27 House and six Senate seats were open this year.

A hefty 98 percent of House incumbents were re-elected, 81 percent of them receiving more than \$1,000.

"The PAC-rigged system for financing congressional elections is creating a challenger-proof House of Representatives," Common Cause President Fred Wertheimer said in a prepared statement.

"When House incumbents can't lose, regardless of performance, and House challengers can't win, regardless of talent, they have no incentive to seek election and we don't have representative government," he said.

Common Cause supports limits on PAC funding and campaign spending, and would like there to be publicly-financed House and Senate races.

"The 'people's body' established by our Founding Fathers is starting to look like England's life-tenured House of Lords," Wertheimer said. "We must

restore competition and accountability to our political system by fundamentally reforming the way our congressional campaigns are financed."

Although a few House races

and the Florida Senate contest

were officially decided,

the Democrats were likely to control the House by 262 seats to 173 and the Senate by 55 seats to 45, giving the Democrats their 35th consecutive year of control of the House. Democrats regained control of the Senate in 1987.

Other campaign spending trends show that PACs, which are limited to giving a candidate no more than \$5,000 in each primary, gave more to Democratic candidates for the House and Senate than to Republican candidates by a wide margin.

According to Common Cause figures taken from FEC campaign finance filings by the candidates, PACs gave Democrats \$77.8 million and Republicans \$47.5 million.

The House had 328 incumbents, challenger raised more of them; the incumbents raised more money overall; in 313 the incumbents raised more from PACs; in 319 the incumbents outspent their challengers; and in 316 the incumbents had more cash-on-hand as of Oct. 19, the filing deadline, the study said.

In 27 contested Senate races, 26 incumbents out-raised their challengers, 26 raised more from PACs than their challengers, and 24 outspent their challengers, and 24 had more cash-on-hand.

History symposium set at Springfield

The Illinois Statehouse will be the scene of wide-ranging historical events Dec. 10-11 as the ninth annual Illinois History Symposium convenes. Sponsored by the Illinois State Historical Society, a department of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, the symposium draws hundreds of scholars and history buffs to Springfield.

This year's program is entitled "Illinois: The Land of Opportunity," covering such topics as coal miners, canals, Abraham Lincoln, frontier women doctors, Chicago architecture, Polish and Italian immigrants, and culture. Dinner reservations and additional symposium information are available from the Illinois State Historical Society, Old State Capitol, Springfield, Ill. 62701, (217) 785-7962.

Retired federal workers briefed about benefits, taxes, insurance

Chapter 1067 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees met Oct. 10 at Charlie's Restaurant, Granite City.

Fifty-five attended, including new member Evelyn McColgan.

President Gene Ross called the meeting to order, and second Vice President Thara Erney gave the invocation. Helen Martin gave the treasurer's report, and Ruth Stewart read the minutes of the last meeting.

First Vice President Alex Duccini's legislative report covered three issues.

He told retirees that apparently, the next federal retirees cost-of-living allowance scheduled to go into effect — close to 4 percent — will be Dec. 1, and it will be reflected in January annuity checks.

Duccini said contributions by NARFE members make its political action committee the largest among those representing federal retirees or active employees and the fourth largest nationally

in the category of trade/membership PACs.

Ross said that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources has set up a hot line to be used for those having questions about Medicare catastrophic health insurance. It is 1-800-888-1998.

Members asked several questions about coverage for those who are not eligible upon reaching age 65. Art Meyer, an accountants and tax expert, responded by pointing that if one's spouse is eligible for Medicare, the mate-can "piggy-back" for coverage. Meyer stressed that the cost of the new plan will be computed on one's 1989 tax return. He also urged members to study a story on Page 11 of the September issue of "Retirement Life" magazine concerning "Questions and Answers on Catastrophic Health Care."

Ross said premiums of some health benefit plans for federal employees and retirees will

increase tremendously next year. Among the increases cited by Ross was the premium for Blue Cross/Blue Shield's high-option family plan. Currently, the by-monthly total premium is \$112.50, and it will increase to \$274.25, with the government paying \$99.48 and the employee/retiree paying \$174.77 (6 percent).

The guest speaker was Lorraine W. Wheling, Cottage Hill, a member of Alice's Club, 575 and vice president of NARFE's Illinois District 1. Wheling served as NARFE's proxy in votes cast at the 20th national convention held in Little Rock, Ark., in September. Wheling reviewed the programs offered at the gathering.

It was announced that the next NARFE meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 11 at Charlie's Restaurant, Granite City. Federal retirees who would like to join NARFE are urged to call Daryl B. Few at 797-0527.



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